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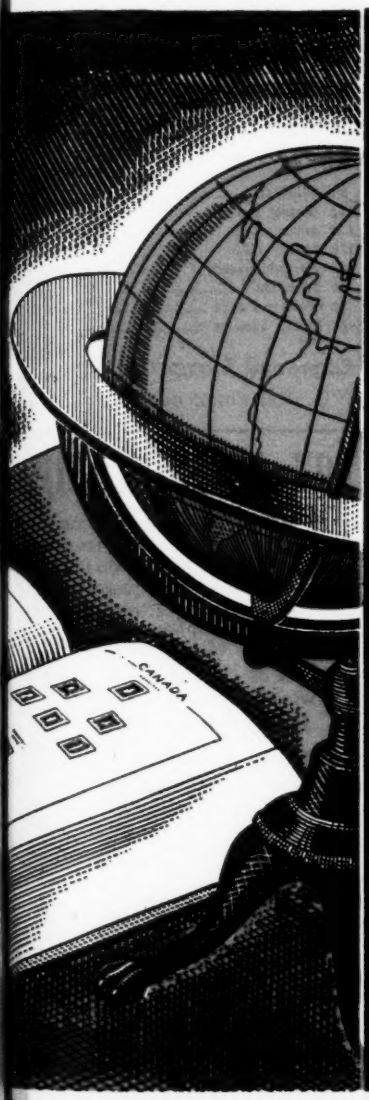

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With this example of the instability of inks it would be logical for us to be wary of other colors' variations, that they too might also be changelings caused by some invisible force. Yet the opposite is true; in most instances we hasten to recognize a shade, treating such stamps as if we had personally seen them roll off the printing press in exactly that shade. It seems to make no difference or even cause us to hesitate, to know that sunlight, heat and the elements in the air are all constantly affecting postage stamp inks, commencing at the very moment the ink is impressed on the paper. These things should make us wary of jumping to a conclusion, but they don't. The only excuse we have for so quickly and unquestionably recognizing shades is that we want to find more varieties and the wish is father to the act.

The collector of United States stamps is repeatedly confronted with a "rare shade" in offerings of most any issue. Best available information on most of these is that "soandso bought part of a sheet in that shade at the suchandsuch post office." What flimsier proof of validity of the shade could be offered? Stamps are not printed one day and issued over the counters at post offices the next day. Many U. S. stamps lay around in stamp tills and safes for months and not infrequently a matter of years before they are sold to the public. During their storage the stamps are subjected to all extremes of temperature and climate, and is there an ink manufacturer who could guarantee his products would under such circumstances never vary in the slightest? Some inks, certain colors are much more stable or permanent than others, and what better proof do we need to convince the skeptical than to point to stamps in the same issue and the fact that despite all printings were equally supervised, certain stamps are known in a greater range of colors than others. It can be seen therefore how worthless then is a statement by anyone that a certain shade is genuine (whatever that under the circumstances may be!) because the stamps in question were proven bought at any particular post office window.

We are not consistent in this hobby. Anyone presenting a single copy of a stamp with large imperforate margins is politely told the lack of perforations does not prove the stamp was issued imperforate. Why not apply the same common sense to colors of our stamps? For after all a chemist who knows his stuff can change some colors completely; so a matter of shade either obtained by accident or design should not be unexpected.

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Philippine Notes

By Pablo M. Esperidion

THE new 2-centavo regular postage stamp of the Islands, showing a vignette of Dr. Jose Rizal, national hero of the Philippines, was placed on sale at the Manila Post Office on April 14, and during the First Day sale, both the postal authorities and local collectors noticed on the design a big error! According to the design, Rizal's hair is combed "on the right," while those in the know claim the hero's hair is parted "on the left." To support the latter contention, previous issues of the 2-centavo Rizal, printed in green and rose were cited, and the hero's popular photograph, likeness on busts and monuments and on the 2-peso currency bills of the Philippines, were cited likewise.

Asked if the Bureau of Posts would withdraw the stamp on account of the error discovered, postal officials said that they are not considering it as it would be very expensive to have another stamp printed. Moreover, 60,000,000 of the new stamp had already been printed: 40,000,000 of the regular and 20,000,000 with "O. B." (First Day sale of the 2c "O. B." was made also on April 14.) Postal officials also said that they did not notice the error when the original design was submitted to them by the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas, neither the directors of the A.F.F. nor this correspondent, who received the original design from the designer thru Ernest A. Kehr, stamp editor of the *New York Herald-Tribune*.

How this error happened to be, Braulio de Vera, superintendent of the Money Order Division and chief of the local Philatelic Agency, presumed that the original picture on the menu card from which the design for the stamp was drawn by the New York designer at the suggestion of Mr. Kehr (who requested a photo of Rizal from the Philippine Resident Commissioner at Washington, D. C., but for lack of the requested photo was furnished only a menu card with Rizal's likeness), must have been produced from a reverse print, that is, the negative with the emulsion side in, an easily made mistake as any amateur can testify.

Supporting this belief, Mr. de Vera showed two snapshots of his house, both photos having been developed from one negative: one with the right print (emulsion out) and another with the reverse print (emulsion in). Evidently, Rizal's likeness on the menu card from which the design on the stamp was produced must have been from a reverse print, Mr. de Vera pointed out.

The new stamps are printed in light green and measure 19x22.5 millimeters with perforation 10½x11. They are issued in sheets of 100 subjects (10 stamps in a row) and thank heaven! this time no straightedges. Then, too, 10 stamps on the left-hand vertical row on every sheet are with "electric-eye." This is the first time a Philippine stamp was issued with an "electric-eye." The stamps bear the name JOSE P. RIZAL, but it may be stated that the hero's full name is JOSE PROTASIO RIZAL MERCADO y ALONSO REALONDA, the last two after the family name of the hero's mother.

A special cachet in green ink was applied on First Day covers and design of the cachet shows a monument of Rizal in the center, with spreading rays at the background. Above it the words "NEW 2-CENTAVO POSTAGE STAMP" was inscribed in semicircle, and at the base, "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE--APRIL 14, 1941," in two lines.

At the time of writing (April 17) the error on this new stamp is the talk of Manila town, and whether the stamp would be withdrawn in the long run, it remains as a matter of conjecture.

Meanwhile, producing an amusing incident alongside this error, was a Manila collector who asked an American lady while buying some of these stamps at the local Philatelic Agency: "Would Americans approve if they see on a postage stamp, George Washington with a tarzan hair-cut or Susan B. Anthony with a pompadour hair-do?"

Gauging the reactions of Manila collectors on the "no-gum movement" which kept American columnist pretty busy lately, the general trend of opinion was to give a "hot-shower" to their stamps. In point of fact, Felipe R. Hidalgo, prexy of the Philippine Air Mail Society, elaborating his opinion on this boogie-woogie "philatelic revolution," said to this correspondent: "If you know of any *philatelic laundry*, just let me know."

One-dollar-above-catalogue is the specialty of a Manila collector, who collects only stamps catalogued not less than one dollar each. Guess, is it for investment or "eggspeculation"?

"The Pony Express Rides Again," is an illustrated article written by R. B. Andrews in the February issue of *Travel*, a monthly published in East Stroudsburg, Pa., and received in Manila late in March. W. Parker Lyon, of Arcadia, California, is the collector mentioned in the article and, who, according to the author, has a compendium of facts and artifacts of "The Winning of the West" aside from philatelic items of the Pony Express, which tells a vivid story of the old west in the days of '48 and '68. The mag sells at 35 cents (free advt.).

A horizontal pair imperforate between 17 cents Sun Yet Sen of the fourth issue (Feb. 1941) was shown to this correspondent by a Manila dealer recently.

With the collecting bug getting a better grip in Manila, the recent craze started among the philatelic high shots in this city is the collecting of ash trays! And darn your socks, one of them has more than 200 varieties!

And the 1941 annual of one of the colleges in Northern Luzon has the arrangement of a mounted stamp album, illustrating photographs of each member of the graduating class, in the form of enlarged stamps. (College editors please copy).

If you get a "penalty cover" bearing a postmark with the inscription "HONOLULU, HAWAII--(Date)--P.I.B.R." plus a seven-bar cancellation with the wording "NAVY YARD--CAVITE, P. I.," it's neither a paquebot nor an over-carried mail, but one of the postmark-cancellations of the United States Navy Department, Cavite, Philippine Islands. Cavite is one of the naval bases of Uncle Sam in this country, and incidentally, where American gobs can marry and raise fat babies!

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Philippine Air Lines Inc., inaugurated its air mail service between Manila-Baguio on March 27 (passenger service on March 15), and Manila-Paracale-Legaspi on March 28. No cachet was applied on letters carried on the inaugural air mail service as local airmail chicadees were advised by the postal authorities just on March 26, the date when the franchise for the PAL to carry mail on these air routes was approved by the commonwealth. Covers carried on these inaugural flights were postmarked March 26 (Manila-Baguio) and March 27 (Manila-Paracale-Legaspi), but the PAL plane departed from Manila, at dawn of March 27 and 28, respectively.

Following these two inaugural air mail service, the Philippine Air Lines Inc. expects to receive an additional plane from the United States shortly which they will use for inauguration of their Manila-Cebu air mail service. This inaugural flight will be made sometime this month or early in May, according to PAL officials, and to commemorate it, the Philippine Air Mail Society has under preparation a special cachet to be submitted to the local postal authorities for application on covers to be carried on the Manila-Cebu inaugural air mail service. Expanding their operations, the Philippine Air Lines Inc., has at present under consideration inaugurating air mail service from different points, north and south of the Philippines, it was learned by this correspondent.

Want a drink, pardner? An American gob with whom this correspondent happened to have a stamp chit-chat at the local Philatelic agency a few days ago, passed these Kutkwik mixtures for an "airmail cocktail": ½jigger Tweezer Rhum; ½Jigger Cachet Gin; Dash of benzine, plus some crack Spanish eyes.

Touchdown for the ladies: One of the fashion salons in Manila town is selling a stock of women's footwear called "Clipper shoes"! The leather is white and "overprinted" with designs of the common red-white-and-blue airmail stickers.

"Flight Command" with Robert Taylor playing the banner role exhibited at one of the Manila movies recently was advertised in a local paper, showing seven illustrations the approximate size of the common air mails, with one of them reading: "Seventy-five planes make postage-stamp landing on the deck of one giant aircraft carrier!"

And "The Saint in Palm Springs," played by George Sanders, with Wendy Barrie, et al, supporting, and being run at one of the Manila movies at this writing, tells the story of three 1-cent British Guiana stamps of 1856 valued at $200,000 (at $65,000 each according to the story). The stamps sent a gang of international crooks into a thrilling

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Digesting a lengthy UP dispatch from Washington, D. C., published in a recent issue of the *Manila Daily Bulletin* anent the Manila-Singapore Clipper extension, it seems the proposed service would be only a "trial balloon," as according to the UP dispatch, it would be made for a period of two years only.

The Yearbook of *The Airmail Digest*, offical publication of the Philippine Air Mail Society, Chapter 13, American Air Mail Society, came off the press April 15, with Who's Who in Aerophilately as its main feature. Gracing the yearbook are photos and thumb-nail biographies of aerophilatelists of note, plus a number of interesting articles contributed by a list of personalities, among them--Major Al Williams, famous American flyer, aviation expert and writer, and winner of the Pulitzer Race for world air speed record in 1923; Ernest A. Kehr, stamp editor of the *New York Herald-Tribune;* Dr. Robert Paganini and Dr. Max Kronstein, two authorities on aerophilately; W. R. Patten and Glen W. Naves, contributing editors of *The Airpost Journal;* James C. Heartwell, of the advisory board of editors, *Sanabria Airpost Catalogue;* H. N. Eustis, Publisher and editor *Australian Air Mail Catalogue*, and others.

"Chronological Review of Aviation History," written by Major Al Williams is one of its interesting features, illustrating virtually all famous flyers of the world. To the makers of aviation history and to every follower of aerophilately, the yearbook is dedicated, according to its editorial. Incidentally, its editorial has an unusual layout. The yearbook is printed on coated paper, contains 144 pages, and has more than 200 illustrations. Sells at P1.50 or 75 cents U.S. a copy (free advt.).

It may be mentioned in passing that while the yearbook was fresh from the press, the editor of *The Airmal Digest*, who "unfortunately" happened to be this correspondent, has tendered his resignation effective April 15, after nursing the AMD for three years. Mutely telling, he resigned "for obvious reasons." By resigning, however, it doesn't mean that he has kissed good-bye to the hobby since aerophilately is still one of his "pet babies." Parenthetically, he will continue tooting on airmail collecting even by way of a lone boulevardier.

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The photograph used in obtaining a reproduction of "The Minute Man" statue by Daniel Chester French at Concord, Massachusetts, was furnished by the Library of Congress, and the five new stamps (10c, 25c, 50c, $1.00 and $5.00) were designed by Victor S. McCloskey, jr., of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Engravers for the first four of these stamps were, vignette, Leo C. Kauffman; lettering and single line frame, James T. Vail; and numerals, John S. Edmondson and James T. Vail. The vignette for the $5.00 stamp was engraved by Carl T. Arlt, while John S. Edmondson engraved the lettering, numeral and single line frame for this latter issue.

Canal Zone Remainders

As promised, Canal Zone authorities have destroyed the remainders of the 1939 commemorative series for the 25th anniversary of the Canal. The stamps became obsolete for postage, according to the *New York Times*, on February 28, 1941. A total of approximately one-quarter the original printing were burned, 2,523,661 in all of 10,064,900 printed. Face value was over a third of a million dollars. Sales of the long series did not reach expectations, and unlike many other Canal Zone issues did not sell out within a short time.

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SADAPTATIONS!

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HAIR YE! HAIR YE!

The affable Mike Karen who was formerly located in the Borough of the Bronx, and is now situated in the building at five-o-five Fifth Avenue, evidently acquired a moustache with one of the early American collections he purchased, and now has it firmly hinged to his upper lip.

A PHILATELIC SELL OUT!

If you must know, Gertrude Lawrence enacts a part in the legitimate stage show, 'The Lady In The Dark' wherein she is supposed to be a famous actress who has a stamp commemorated in her honor. The show is and has been a success, and there are no seats available right on down to the closing performance, when Miss Lawrence will be permitted a holiday. Philately played a part and well!

PHILATELIC ROBBINS

Phil Robbins showed us a letter the other day whereon someone had addressed him as L. B. Robbins. The names of Robbins and Elbe are synonymous in the minds of many stamp dealers, and it evidently was the reason for the letter being directed in that way.

LEST WE FORGET!

The Professional Business Men's Stamp Club has been active as a stamp group for quite a few years. Their sole endeavor is for congenial philatelic purposes, but it is generally known that they have at various occasions banded together and acquited themselves quite creditably in cheering less fortunate stamp collectors in a certain hospital.

POLLY WANT A WISE CRACKER?

G. Moerz, proprietor of the Times Square Stamp and Coin Company, has a parrot in his office. It not only serves as an audacious alarm, but chatters constantly. It speaks in five different languages, and can translate the longest letters into little scraps and pieces.

PAR EXCELLENCE!

The Berner Stamp Shop in the promenade of Radio City, does much to remind philatelists about stamps, when they happen to be sight-seeing in that section of the city. He is also well known for having a stock of flags in different sizes of almost every country.

FOLLOW THE AMERICAN LINE!

There was a story years ago that broke the pages about the young man and a baby camel. He used to keep the pet in his small room on the fourth floor of a lodging house. He didn't notice how quickly the animal grew, until it had to be hauled out through the window. Not so with the American Philatelic Line. Their business has progressed so fast in the past year, that it necessitated they remove to larger quarters in the building at six east forty-eighth street.

BROTHER BOOSTER!

Dave Bullowa, associate editor of the Numismatic Magazine, does much in the way of exploiting the good-will relationship between Philately and Numismatics. He digresses very interestingly on the subjects of commemorative half dollars and the commemorative stamps issued for the same tributes, and bearing similar designs.

CLAIRVOYANCE WANTED!

If at some time or other you are aware of this column gazing at you rather speculatively, then just realize it is an effort toward attempting to divine what there is that is news about you so it may be dispatched to Ohio and then back again in this form and yet be considered exclusive and scoopy.

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POSTAL STATIONERY EXPONENT.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS!

It is gratifying to note that The Library of Congress keeps itself abreast of the Philatelic times by displaying its interest in stamp publications as they are issued. Archibald Mac Leish, and his able assistant H. S. Parsons deserves plaudits for such noble gestures!

COLONEL TO YOU!

H. S. Hale of Oyster Bay has undertaken to dubb yours truly with the appelation of Colonel. His letters are very decoratively addressed in such style, and now friends are beginning to click their heels while they rather ceremoniously salute the Colonel.

Anglo-American Issue Proposed

London's *Stamp Collecting* in its March 29th edition made a strong plea for an Anglo-American issue of stamps. Subjects proposed include St. George and the Dragon and the Statue of Liberty, Brittania and Columbia, or the King and the President. The propaganda value of such an issue on this side of the Atlantic is touched upon. Finally it was stated that "since admittedly we need the money, why not include a £1 stamp, larger and finer than the rest . . . ." It was proposed that if but one stamp were issued the denomination be the air mail fee across the Atlantic.

Military Post Offices

Army Post Office 802 (a number not placed in use in the 1918 series) was ordered established April 18 aboard the transport Chateau-Thierry with title of American Base Forces, A. P. O. 802 branch, New York, N. Y. The Fort Dix branch of Wrightstown, N. J. changes to a branch of Trenton, N. J. on May. 5.

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Gunesch Catalog of City-Type Coil Precancels, Second Edition, published by the Gunesch Precancel House, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., 89 pages 6x9, paper cover, spiral bound, illustrated, price $1.00 of publisher. Adolf Gunesch's personal interest in precancels, aside from his business activities, has been the collecting of City Type Precancel Coil stamps and upon this publication he has lavished painstaking care to be correct in listings, illustrations and the prices—which are net by the way. Former precancel lists of coils have been in error due to using descriptions such as "Perf. 10 vert." for the sidewise coil and "Perf. 10 horiz." for the endwise coil, and collectors frequently made errors, so that Mr. Gunesch has carefully made a tabulation of existing copies through cooperation of many collectors of coil precancels. Our suggestion for improvement in listings would be to list coils as the post office does, calling them by the easily recognizable term of "Sidewise" or "Endwise" coils. 24 pages of the new edition are devoted to explanatory matter with illustrations of private perforations, and die varieties of the stamps themselves. A history of precancelling of coils is given with notes on the various classes. The book is nicely printed and the style of binding is the popular type of spiral which enables pages to be always flat. The production will undoubtedly spur interest in this type of precancel now seen only occasionally on mail.

● Many interesting and unusual errors are included in the June 16-17 sale of H. R. Harmer, Inc. One item is a block of 18c Mauritus Special Delivery with one stamp having variety "!" for "I" in "FOREIGN".

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Perfs and Imperfs

EMPIRE SALES COMPANY WON SECOND award in the contest sponsored by The Stamp Wholesaler for the best approval selections. To the surprise of all concerned, the proprietor of the winning company turned out to be Douglas Schneider, a 16-year old boy of Springfield, Mo. We can predict that the older firms will promptly start revamping their selections. Who says the juniors don't help our hobby?

WE WONDER IF THE POST OFFICE Department has not unwittingly provided at last a means of sending small remittances. Postal Savings stamps may be redeemed at full face value in cash at any post office selling such stamps; unlike postage stamps which are not redeemable. Maybe extensive use of the new stamps for such a purpose will at last compel some simpler means than money orders for remitting small amounts. An interesting development to watch.

HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE SHIP names will be omitted from postmarks of our navy vessels? Already steps have been taken to have newspapers omit mention of certain ship movements and the suppression of identifying postmarks would therefore not be a surprise.

EVER TRY TO FIND OUT SOMETHING about Italy's numerous island possessions in the Aegean? The current National Geographic Magazine should be of interest as it tells of a trip to the vaguely known islands of Castelrosso, Stampalia, Cos and others.

HEARD AT THE COLUMBUS ANNUAL bourse: First lady, "What's that back there?" (pointing toward the anteroom filled with precancel swappers); Second Lady (we suspect some stamp dealer's wife), "That must be the precancel section, they have that *different* look."

SOME SCHEME, THAT ONE *THE OPtomist* relates of the post office employee who obtained the only precancel permit at his office and proceeded to have a monopoly on the Bureau Prints subsequently ordered.

WE NOTE WITH REGRET THE DEATH of Fred Prohaska, a former advertiser, is mentioned in the Stamp Wholesaler, without details. Many of our readers will no doubt recall Mr. Prohaska who was very active as a dealer for a long period.

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Bell Appointed Agent

James M. Bell, 34-year old assistant philatelic agent of the Post Office Department has been appointed, the *Washington Star* relates, to succeed Captain Otho Rogers as Philatelic Agent. Mr. Bell has been a post office employee for 15 years, first as a wholesale stamp clerk, more recently as cashier. He was born and educated in Washington. His collecting activities are centered in covers and old coins.

Hong Kong $1 Exhausted

The $1.00 value of Hong Kong's centenary issue had a brief existence, the *New York Times* indicates, as word to the paper reports the exhaustion of this value which was used mainly for a common air mail rate, that to London.

Philatelist On Phifth Avenue

Harry Strauss, likable stamp authority on old Americana cover materials is branching out for himself by formally opening an office in the building at 545 Fifth avenue, in New York City. One of Harry's proclivities of late has been the accumulating of United States stamp #70 cancelled on cover, which anyone will admit is some proclivity!

Fort Crockett, Texas

Our new issued editor recently received from Madge Duncanson of Galveston, a first day cover from the Fort Crockett Station, Galveston, Texas. The post office was opened with special ceremonies as part of the observance of Army Day on April 7, the Junior Chamber of Commerce providing a special cachet and envelopes. The Fort is located on the Gulf and has a personnel of over 2,000. First cover was sent to President Roosevelt.

John Arnosti In Army

Our readers will be interested to learn that former advertiser John Arnosti is now in the Army, and located with Company I, 34th Infantry, Fort Jackson, S. C. He's still keeping in touch with stamps.

● The post office of Rich Mountain in Polk County, Arkansas will be closed on May 15.

● El Sobrante Rural Station will be established as a tributary of the Richmond, Calif. office on June 2.

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Australasian Notes

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AUSTRALIA

The first value of the current series to include the new imprint—W. C. G. McCracken, Australian Note and Stamp Printer—is the 5d Pictorial (Ram), and the sheets with the new imprint have now been made available at Post Offices. As the stocks of the other values bearing the John Ash Imprint become exhausted, they will be replaced with sheets bearing the new printer's name.

A commemorative stamp to mark the participation of the Australian Imperial Forces in the Conquest of Libya is being considered by the Posal Department, but so far no details have been made available and it is quite probable that this stamp may have the same fate as the Queensland Centenary Issue and the Norfolk Isld. Series—announced as being contemplated, but actually never issued.

A slogan which bears a direct connection with the war has recently been in use throughout the chief Post Offices in the Commonwealth. It reads: "Don't write about ships," and another outcome of the determination to withhold any information likely to be of use to the enemy is the suspension of publication of overseas mail notices and thus, closing times for outgoing mails to America are absent too; the public has been advised to post as early as possible and mails will be then forwarded at the first opportunity.

NEW ZEALAND

The 1940 Health Stamps were withdrawn from sale on February 28th, and from reports coming in, it is anticipated that the sales of this set were the lowest since the depression years of 1930-32. Quantities of the stamps sold are usually released by the Postal Authorities as soon as returns of unsold stamps are made by the postmasters. The restrictions imposed on the stamp trade by the censorship authorities have been eased somewhat, but they are still far from being lifted. Private collectors are still prohibited from sending used or unused stamps outside New Zealand, but licensed dealers can now export stamps, provided that payment in cash only, is made in the currency of the currency of country to which the stamps are being sent. Thus, for instance, should an American dealer have a credit balance in New Zealand, no stamps could be sent on account of that balance, as payment would have to be made in U.S.A. currency.

The Centennial series is now dying a natural death, as it were. Following the announcement that they would be available until stocks were exhausted, it is stated now that the 1d and 9d values are no longer available (March 1941), and other values may be expected to become obsolete at any time. Thus, the Centennial series have been on sale for over a year and they are certain to become one of the most popular sets with stamp collectors. Quantities printed must be very considerable for all the values, and the 7d value is going to be the scarcest, although over half a million have been sold.

As the various denominations of the Commemorative Series become exhausted, they are being replaced with the regular pictorial stamps, which were in use before the Centennial Stamps made their appearance on January 2nd, 1940.

FIJI

Some time ago, I mentioned that the postal rates were likely to be increased, and that a 2½d stamp was in preparation in London to replace the 2d denomination, which prepays inter Empire rates. Evidently the new stamp did not arrive in time and to meet the new increase, stocks of the 2d value in the redrawn design, recently put on sale, were surcharged with 2½d, the old value being obliterated. The surcharge is in black and first day of issue was February 10th. No announcement was made by the Postoffices, and at the moment (March 15th), the writer is unable to state whether the surcharged stamps are still on sale. This is likely to depend on the arrival of the new 2½d stamp from London, and should they be delayed in transit, the provisional might be in use for quite a while, considering that stocks of the 2d value used for the surcharge must still be considerable, having been in use for a short time only.

HONG KONG

Although the series of commemorative stamps to mark the centenary of British Rule were to have been issued on January 26th, supplies had not arrived in Australia by March 15th.

Bible Translation Issue

Sweden plans to commemorate with special stamps the fourth centenary of the translation of the Bible into Swedish. The *New York Times* states that Laurentius Petri (1499-1573) to be depicted on one design was the first Lutheran archbishop of Sweden and his name is associated with the translating, which was completed in 1541. It is believed he did the major portion of the work. Olaus Petri, (1493-1522) depicted on the other design, was a brother of the archbishop and his partner in introducing Sweden to the religious reforms of Luther. Olaus wrote Sweden's first prose history and many other works.

● Canada has a post office named "NEW GERMANY" located in Nova Scotia, Adam Gruenig points out, and submits a recent cover from there with no indication of censorship.

● Roumania's 1903 commemorative series had been intended to be issued on the day a new post office at Bucharest was opened in 1901, but political reasons of an undisclosed nature caused the stamps to be delayed exactly two years in issuance.

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AFGHANISTAN—21st Independence Anniversary Commemorative. The stamp it appears is dated the 22nd., altho the correct figure should be the 21st issued in August of 1940:

50p. green

Official Stamps. In our issue of October 26, 1940, we chronicled a 30p. yellow, Scott's type 02. We note that Gibbons' Stamp Monthly for February lists this stamp and gives it their number 05a. In their March issue the same stamp is listed and given their number 07. The only difference we can detect from their listing is that the first is perf. 10¾ and the other perf. 11½. Both stamps are typographed.

BAHAMAS—Color changes. Due to changes in the postal rates, the following color changes will be made:

1p. from carmine to gray
2p. from gray to carmine
3p. from light violet to blue

(R. Roberts)

BARDADOS—Change in Color. Due to postal rate changes, the undernoted change in color will be made:

1p. from carmine to green

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BELGIUM—Parcel Post Stamps. New set of permanent stamps to replace the overprinted set chronicled by us March 29th:

PP12—10c. olive
PP12—20c. violet
PP12—30c brown
PP12—40c. gray
PP12—50c. green
PP12—60c. gray black
PP12—70c. blue green
PP12—80c. orange
PP12—90c. lilac
PP13—1fr. green
PP13—2fr. brown
PP13—3fr. gray
PP13—4fr. olive
PP13—5fr. violet
PP13—5fr. black
PP13—6fr. orange
PP13—7fr. lilac
PP13—8fr. light green
PP13—9fr. blue
PP13—10fr. rose lilac
PP13—20fr. turquoise
PP13—30fr. orange
PP13—40fr. carmine
PP13—50fr. rich violet

BERMUDA—Color Change. Also due to change in postal rates:

2½p from blue and light blue to gray-black and blue

(N. Y. Times)

BRAZIL—New Series. A complete new set is in preparation, the designs of which will be representative of Brazil's progress in industry and agriculture. The announced values are: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 700, 1,000, 1,200, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 and 50,000 reis.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CHILE—50,000 of the $3.60 value chronicled by us February 15th., were issued, with larger quantities of the other values.

Two inland airmail sets are being prepared. One off-set litho, comprises 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90c., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 pesos. The other will be recess printed, but what values are to be in this set have not yet been announced.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CHINA—New regular postage. Protrait of General Chiang Kai-shek. Printed in the United States:

½c. olive
1c. orange
5c. green
8c red-orange
10c. emerald
17c. olive
25c. claret
30c. red
50c. blue
$1. brown & black
$2. blue & black
$5. red & black
$10. green and black
$20. red violet and black

MEXICO—Special, Delivery. New value. Perf. 14. Watermark is diagonally across the stamp:

SD3—20c. red-orange

(The Stamp Mart)

PHILIPPINES — New Postage Design. First Day of Issue April 14, 1941. Usual small upright rectangular format, perf. 11x10½. Wording "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in one line across the top, "COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES" in two lines at the bottom. Between the wording, in the center of the stamp is the portrait of Rizal in a circle. 40,000,000 for postage and 20,000,000 overprinted "O.B." were printed:

2 centavos, yellow-green (Rizal)

Official Stamp. Same stamp overprinted in small caps in black—"O.B.":

2 centavos, yellow-green (Rizal)

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191- 99	British Guiana, Geo. V	(7)	1.85
201- 04	British Guiana, Geo. V	(4)	3.25
62- 71	British Honduras, Edw. VII	(9)	25.75
75- 84	British Honduras, Geo. V	(10)	20.25
102- 03	British Honduras, Geo. V	(2)	10.25
8- 18	British Solomon, War Canoe	(11)	7.25
48- 58	British Solomon, George V	(9)	13.35
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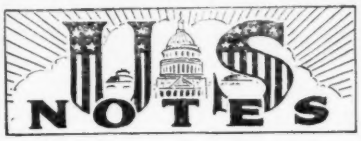

A sheet of 110 30c Presidentials was included in Eugene Kleins' last auction. This was an upper right pane of plate 22164 entirely normal in all respects, centering being average, except that at left the full gutter between panes is found and beyond that the entire vertical row of the stamps in adjoining pane. The stamps are cut along their left margins at the frame line. Such varieties are occasionally found and are due to improper cutting of the sheets of 400 into post office panes of 100. Usually they are detected by inspectors at the Bureau before being packed. Most such sheets escaping detection due to the surplus being folded over.

The April 10, 1941 *Postal Bulletin* contains complete announcement and instructions concerning the new series of Postal Savings stamps. The item, too lengthy for reprinting here, fills most of three pages of the Bulletin.

Canal boat mail? Well, Ohio had it. We have seen warrants or vouchers calling upon a postmaster to pay stipulated sums to canal boat operators on the Ohio Canal for transporting mail between Akron and Peninsula, a small village a few miles north of Akron. Since no covers have ever been noted with distinctive markings and Akron was an important canal junction and trading center even then, it can be assumed that such mail was not stamped or marked in any identifying way. The first railroad did not enter the city until 1852, but it had canals since 1825.

Here's an idea for a contest at your stamp club. See who can name the most of the stamps now constituting the regular issue: ordinary adhesives, coils, booklets, airmails, Special Deliveries, Special Handlings, Dues, Envelopes, Postal Cards. The length of such a list would be surprising. Offhand we can think of 81 items exclusive of the many envelope stamps.

Hawaii's Official Stamps were placed on sale to the public at time of issue, in cancelled condition, at original face value. Local papers ridiculed the idea.

Congressman New Attorney

John M. Coffee, member of Congress and Tacoma, Wash. attorney has accepted the post of attorney of the American Stamp Association, to fill the vacancy caused by death of attorney William H. Pratt of Tacoma. Mr. Coffee was elected to congress in 1936 and re-elected twice since then.

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Hamilton, Ohio—The annual dinner meeting of the Fort Hamilton Philatelic Society will be held May 12, place and time not stated. The city will celebrate its 150th anniversary in September and the club has prepared a cachet which will be used on the place cards at the banquet. Hamilton was one of a string of forts erected between the Ohio River and Lake Erie 1791-1794 in the course of attempts at pacification of the Northwest Territory. This fort was completed on September 30, 1791 and named in honor of the then Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

Bronx, N.Y.C.—The Bipex exhibition label will be printed on three metallic papers and sold at 25c per set (10 for $1.50). Obtainable of Frederick H. Dietz, 140 W. 42nd St., New York. Design is elaborate, with miniatures of the Defense stamps in corners.

Casper, Wyoming—Captain Norman D. King sends a clipping from the *Casper Tribune Herald* which tells of the first exhibition of the Casper Philatelic Society held on April 14 and 15 in the Morad Bldg. The club was organized in the fall of 1939 and meets in the basement below the Wiggins Shoe Store on first and third Mondays. Mrs. William H. Winter is President.

Tiffin, Ohio—The second annual banquet of the Tiffin Stamp Club will be held Tuesday, May 6 at the Hotel Shawhan. Ray Shepard, New Issue Editor of LINN'S will display and talk on his collection of philatelic issues. Kenneth Barnes, 52 Ohio Ave., Tiffin, President of the club, is in charge of arrangements.

Toledo, Ohio—The Toledo Philatelic Society will hold its annual stamp exhibit and bourse at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25. About 80 frames will be entered. The banquet at 6:30 P.M. Saturday will be followed by an auction. Dealers desiring bourse space should send reservations to Herbert F. Jenne, 1124 Edison Bldg., Toledo.

Manila, Philippines—The Philippine Air Mail Society has changed its meeting place to the Alcazar Club and at the first meeting it was planned to discuss "Are you in favor of washing the gum off your stamps?" Our Philippine Correspondent, Pablo M. Esperidion, who is also Secretary of the society, promises to let us know the results.

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Today most of the importers receive their mail via Siberia and San Francisco. This remains one of the only routes open by which mail comes thru from continental Europe; that is mail containing stamps. Regular mail still comes thru on the clipper from Lisbon.

Many of the New York retailers say that they have sold enormous quantities of British Colonials since the first of the year.

Elliott Walton sent a nice letter to all of his clients telling them that it was due to ill health that he was forced to leave the stamp business. It looks like Walton will be out of the stamp business for a little while.

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May 15—U. S. Sale. Wakonda Stamp Co., Box 1792, Dept. 52, Denver, Colo.

May 17—Mail Sale U. S. and Possessions. R. J. Lewinson Co., 525 West End Ave., New York City.

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May 24—U. S. and General . Herman Herst, Jr., 116 Nassau St., New York City.

Murillo Commemoratives

The recent finding of the remains of the first leader of the fight for Bolivian Independence has prompted that country to issue commemoratives depicting the urn in which the ashes were found, and scenes of his life, including one of him sitting in his cell dreaming of victory—which incidentally is probably the first stamp to attempt to depict a dream! On July 16, 1809 Pedro Domingo Murillo led a small band of patriots in what was then called Upper Peru and quickly overthrew the Spanish authorities. The viceroy at Lima dispatched royal troops in overwhelming numbers and the patriot forces met disaster at Chacaltaya in October, 1809, hundreds being captured and executed in the ruthlessness characteristic of Spanish victories over insurgents in the Americas. Murillo was among those hanged and the resting place of his remains became forgotten in the 15 years that were to intervene before Upper Peru became again free and named in honor of Bolivar, Bolivia. Murillo has long been depicted on Bolivian issues.

Rizal First Day

Through courtesy of our Philippine Corresponent, Pablo M. Esperidion, we have received a first day cover of the new 2c Rizal stamp issued April 14. The design is reminiscent of our 1c Presidential and is printed in a decided yellow green. Usual ordinary Manila cancellation was applied, and an official cachet depicting the Rizal monument and appropriate wording applied. No information concerning when other values or the new airmail series may appear.

● When the new U. S. post office and court house was dedicated April 15 at Orlando, the Orange County Philatelic Society provided an attractive cachet for covers, one of which has been received with autograph of the postmaster, courtesy of Wm. S. Branch, Jr., Orlando.

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Censor Marks Reported

The first Egyptian censor label to come to our attention is sent in by Adam Gruenig on a letter mailed there at an unidentified place in December, 1940. The tape is apparently cut both width and length in desired size and consists of repetition of four lines of wording repeated "OPENED BY CENSOR", then the same in Arabic, then "EGYPTIAN CENSORSHIP" and the same apparently in Arabic script. The printing is in blue on white paper. In addition a purple double-line square with numeral "63" in center and bilingual "POSTAL CENSOR" is stamped on face of cover.

An Iceland cover sent direct to the U. S. bears ordinary Iceland airs, and is sealed with typical British Censor label "OPENED BY/EXAMINER 4028."

Wants Railroad Stamps

The current edition of the monthly *Trains* contained an article by Cortland Christiani, Java, suggesting a series of U. S. stamps depicting various types of railroad locomotives from the earliest to the most modern. A dozen in all were proposed! Other issues recently proposed include a flag stamp, its sponsor a California congressman even stipulating in the bill the first day city—a California one. Cities anticipating celebration of their founding also continue to request commemorative stamps. A Lafayette commemorative is also sought. All of these have been referred to the House committee where they usually are "buried."

Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon has introduced a bill to authorize a special stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the blazing of the old Oregon trail, the Washington (D. C.) News of April 17 states. Clipping courtesy Bruce M. Fowler. A map of the trail is included as the major portion of the design of the Oregon Territory centennial stamp issued in 1936.

The Penny Post

In the forties and fifties of the last century the American people did not like the service furnished by the Post Office and had little hesitancy in saying so. By their complaints they compelled the government to employ official carriers to collect mail at convenient points and distribute it from house to house.

In 1849 Dr. John Honour was thus appointed carrier for the city of Charleston, South Carolina. According to a press clipping in the Edward S. Knapp collection, his appointment was due to a strong memorial or petition addressed to the Postmaster-General by the leading citizens of Charleston. Commenting on the petition, the press declared that "we have long stood in need of some such arrangement, and we trust it may be carried into early operation."

Dr. Honour, who served as a carrier until 1861, charged two cents for every letter he delivered in accordance with the rates established by Congress. He sold his own stamps for this service, issuing eight different types of stamps in these eleven years.

By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

COIL CATALOG.

Mr. Adolf Gunesch was able to secure and bring along to the Columbus meet a few of the new COIL CATALOGS upon which he has been working so diligently all winter. The book is nicely printed and bound and we do not doubt the statement that this edition cost almost twice its selling price. A very thorough description of the manufacturing process of coil stamps themselves and the stamps that are of close kin to coils are all included in the introduction. Plenty of illustrations on this subject as well as illustrations of the Universal types used are included. In the catalog proper nearly every type is illustrated which will make it very easy for any one to follow the catalog even if they know very little about precancels. The stamps are priced on a net basis and every effort was made to determine the extent of stock available for every item. It was the desire of the publisher to price the common stamps cheap and the rarer items at figures near their real worth. As Mr. Gunesch expressed to me, it was his aim to price the catalog so that if an item cataloged a dollar it was a dollar stamp and worth every bit of that figure.

Long have we advised the collecting of these interesting and elusive stamps but the broken up listings in the general catalogs and the lack of some one to give them a real push has held back many from attempting a collection of City Type Coils. At that we were surprised to note the number of collectors who helped in the compiling of this edition. Now that a complete catalog is available to collectors at the nominal price of one dollar there can be no holdup now on the collecting of city type coils. Mr. Gunesch can supply you with a copy or most any of the larger precancel dealers will have them. Get your copy now and get into a collecting field that is not as large as the bureau print field.

SEEN AND HEARD.

At the recent Columbus Philatelic Exhibition and Bourse and Central Ohio Precancel Fiesta, precancel collectors from six states besides Ohio were in attendance and thousands of items changed hands. The new NARROW types were there and we had our first chance to compare them with the old wide type types. They are easily told and are much narrower than some accounts of them lead us to believe. It was useless for us to try to chronicle all the nice items that were circulating so we will mention only the outstanding items to our notion. A $5 Canton Ohio was flashed by Capt. Pforzheimer. It was the green and black and in one of the many handstamp types used by Canton. A real rarity. A copy of the $2 red and black from Hamilton, O. in U-1 changed hands too. A 10c perf. 10x10 from Westerville, O. in U-10 double printed was shown me too. I don't think many of the Ohio boys have this one.---We were told that the government now is retaining a proof of every new handstamp and electro that they issue. This to more easily check up on the doubtful items.---A pleasant surprise was to meet Wilson P. Smith, President of the Precancel Stamp Society. Wilson was on sort of a good will tour we surmise. He is doing a fine job for the society and we wish him continued success.

● Precancels may be used to pay first class postage on a letter attached to a parcel, the postage on which is paid by precancelled stamps affixed by a permit holder.

● Precanceled stamps may not be used on containers which are designed for reuse, such as egg crates and metal motion picture film cases.

● A postmark you should have in your album is from Eurelia, Montana. Here is a story about this town. Trainmen differ in the pronunciation of the name.

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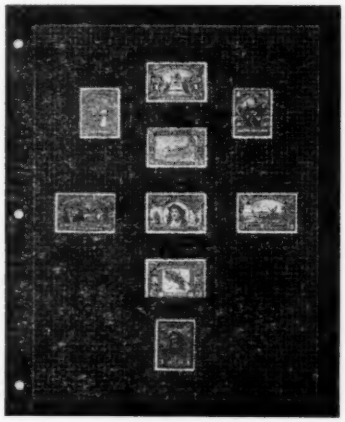

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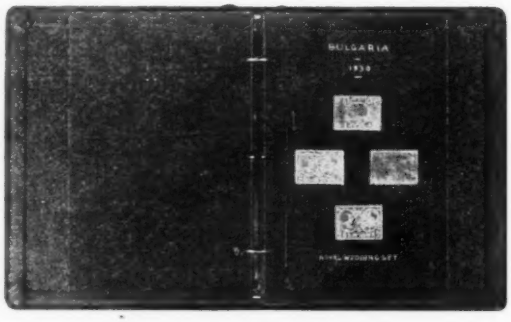

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